

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 25, 2013**

**REGULAR** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, March 25, 2013, at 7 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mr. Chuck Haddaway  
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

Vice-Chairman Carol Ann Haddad  
Mrs. Linda Duncan  
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.  
Stephanie Malone, Assistant General Counsel  
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

**WORK SESSIONS**

During a work session held from 4 to 5 p.m., Board Member Debbie Wesslund reported on her recent trip to Finland with a group of Kentucky educators. All Board members were present.

From 5 to 6 p.m., Board members met with staff and members of the Educator Quality Oversight Committee (EQOC) to discuss a teacher and principal effectiveness system. All Board members were present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board members entered into executive session at approximately 6:15 p.m. All Board members were present.

**Order #2013-049 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Board members adjourned from Executive Session at approximately 6:59 p.m.

**Order #2013-050 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

Chair Porter made the following statement: "The Board of Education met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act and no action was taken."

Board Chair Diane Porter called the March 25, 2013, meeting to order at 7 p.m. All Board members were present.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School students, and the Vision Statement read by Board Member David A. Jones, Jr.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Order #2013-051 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

### **IV. Recognitions and Resolutions**

- A. Recognition of Ballard High School Students
- B. Recognition of Noel Weaver

**Order #2013-052 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for March 25, 2013. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **V. Consent Calendar and Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hargens presented the Superintendent's Report for March 25, 2013.

### **Tie Bid Award**

In accordance with model procurement guidelines, Vice-Chair Carol Ann Haddad drew lots to determine the winner of a tie bid submitted for Item No. 2 on Bid ID #6707: Flashlights, Batteries, Bulbs, etc. The tie bid was awarded to Rexel.

Mr. Peter Schuler, chief of the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Juvenile Trial Division, addressed the Board of Education concerning the collateral consequences of raising the school dropout age to 18.

Mr. Jones asked if it was in order to ask questions of the speaker. Chair Porter stated that was not typical procedure and any questions should be forwarded to Dr. Hargens.

## **V. Consent Calendar for March 25, 2013**

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Job Descriptions
- D. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- E. Approval of Projects, BG-1 Forms, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers
  - 1. Middle School Renovation at The Academy @ Shawnee
  - 2. Intercom Replacement at Breckinridge Metropolitan High School
  - 3. Auxiliary Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement at Fairdale High School
  - 4. Lead Abatement at Field Elementary School
  - 5. Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement at Thomas Jefferson Middle School
  - 6. Stadium Drainage Repair at Jeffersontown High School
  - 7. Asphalt Track Resurfacing and Striping at Valley High School
- F. Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms
  - 1. Roof Replacement at Barret Traditional Middle School
  - 2. Roof Replacement at Blake Elementary School
  - 3. Phase I HVAC Renovation and Media Center Addition at Coral Ridge Elementary School
  - 4. Roof Replacement at Fairdale Elementary School
  - 5. Window Replacement Phase I at Frayser Elementary School
  - 6. Roof Replacement at Frost Middle School
  - 7. Roof Replacement at Gutermuth Elementary School

8. Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown High School
9. Phase I HVAC Renovation and Media Center Addition at Laukhuf Elementary School
10. Roof Replacement at Layne Elementary School
11. Roof Replacement at Luhr Elementary School
12. Roof Replacement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School
13. Roof Replacement at Valley High School
- G. Approval of Bid for Food Service Phase 32 Equipment and Installation at Various Schools
- H. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I. Approval of Bid Tabulations and Amendments
- J. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- K. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- L. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts
- M. Acceptance of Financial Report for Period Ended February 28, 2013
- N. Approval of Electrical Easement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School
- O. Acceptance of Donations
- P. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- Q. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
  1. Acceptance of Grant from Walmart for Waggener High School
  2. Acceptance of Grant from Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc. for Shelby Traditional Academy
  3. Acceptance of Grant from Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Region 6 for Valley High School
- R. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority for AmeriCorps College Coach at Southern High School
- S. Approval of Subgrant Agreement with University of Louisville for Math and Science Partnership
- T. Acceptance of Contract Modification for District-Sponsored AmeriCorps REACH Program
- U. Approval to Establish Advance Program Centers at Cochrane and Farmer Elementary Schools Beginning in the 2013–14 School Year
- V. Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Technology Activity Report

**Order #2013-053 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.V. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VI. Action Items**

### **VI.A. District Declaration of Intent: Professional Growth and Effectiveness System**

Dr. Hargens: “Dr. Raisor and Ms. Gerstner will present the item. And as—we had a work session regarding this item to talk with the Educator Quality Oversight Committee (EQOC)—so, Dr. Raisor and Ms. Gerstner will present what we’re recommending.”

Dr. Raisor: “Madame Chair Porter, members of the Board, Dr. Hargens: I too want to compliment the work of the EQOC Committee—a 50/50 committee made up of five teachers and five administrators whose sole purpose is to create a system around what great teaching looks like and then ensure that we have great teaching in all of our classrooms. The EQOC Committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Board regarding the District Declaration of Intent with which evaluation system the district should follow. The EQOC Committee made a recommendation and from that recommendation, I would ask the following:

I would ask that the Board of Education authorize the District to fully implement all components of the Kentucky Professional Growth and Effectiveness System through the 2014–2015 school year. And that also, the Board would direct and authorize the Superintendent to review and report regularly any field testing of alternate and comparable components for consideration and approval by the Kentucky Department of Education after those two years.”

Mrs. Wesslund: “Is there any—everyone knows I wasn’t here two weeks ago when you had a fuller discussion about this. Was there any language—so, we have to choose between Option 1 and Option 2—is there any language that we’re not seeing that goes with this that you were presented by the Department that says if—official language of Option 2 that we haven’t seen. Do you know what I mean—that the Department has generated—that we didn’t...”

Dr. Raisor: “No.”

Mrs. Wesslund: “...that we’d be adopting by voting for this?”

Dr. Michael Raisor: “There is nothing that the Board hasn’t seen. Only the official communique.”

Mrs. Wesslund: “And the official communique has some language in it?”

Dr. Raisor: “Yes.”

Mrs. Wesslund: “Did I see that? Is that what we looked at at the work session?”

Dr. Raisor: "Yes."

Ms. Tiffeny Gerstner: "Not at this work session. We didn't pass out that form. But you have received that previously in an update, I believe."

Mrs. Wesslund: "Okay."

Ms. Gerstner: "It explains Option 1 and Option 2. You're right, there is language there that stipulates certain things, but that's why we have our separate Declaration of Intent."

Mrs. Wesslund: "But, if we vote on it, we're adopting that language too. Correct?"

Dr. Hargens: "You're adopting the language that's in front of you."

Dr. Raisor: "Yes."

Mrs. Wesslund: "But, we're accepting this too? We're voting on this, but we're accepting that?"

Dr. Hargens: "No. You would be voting to do exactly what's on this piece of paper."

Dr. Raisor: "And that will be what we submit to the State."

Mrs. Wesslund: "And that's all?"

Dr. Raisor: "Yes."

Dr. Hargens: "That is correct."

Dr. Raisor: "From that, I should add that they said that once submittals are made, they may ask for additional information or additional confirmations from us."

Mr. Jones: "If I could, since we're meeting in public session, could you give just maybe a very general description of the difference between the new system that we are now adopting—at least initially for the next two years—and the way professionals are currently evaluated? Just a very high level."

Ms. Gerstner: "Sure. The evaluation system as it is structured right now has a professional growth piece in it. So teachers and principals—all certified staff—have a growth plan, but it's one piece of a system that is evaluative. The goal is to decide the level that a person is performing at. The Kentucky Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and the Educator Growth System that we hope to develop over the course of this work is focused and

based on the professional growth and development of educators to impact student achievement. So the goal is not as much to say who's here and who's here, but instead to get everybody here so that students succeed. The goal statement from the State is that *the system will increase student learning by ensuring that each student is taught by an effective teacher* and that's certainly our goal as well."

Mr. Jones: "And is it fair to say that there is consensus in the Committee made up of teachers and administrators that there is enthusiasm for this direction and that, you know, there is a strong belief that instead of saying 'You're good or you're bad'..."

Ms. Gerstner: "Support."

Mr. Jones: "...we're saying here is how you get better. That we're heading in a good direction?"

Ms. Gerstner: "Absolutely. And the Committee—or at least, certain members of the Committee have made a couple of trips to Montgomery County, Maryland, and they have a renowned system that they've developed over the last 13 years that incorporates a lot of different components and enhancements—even to just a regular professional growth system. We like to say that we want to develop an Educator Growth System in JCPS that is from recruitment to retirement so that our induction—actually first our recruitment, then our induction, our professional development—the assistance—they have what they call a peer assistance and review—and peer observation and peer review is part of the new system—that we might enhance that even further so that we have systems in place that are truly supportive of teachers—at every level—in every school."

Mr. Jones: "Okay. Thank you. As a new member of this Board, I have learned a lot about this. I still feel woefully new to it. But, it is impressive that we're making a big systemic change in how we evaluate teachers."

Ms. Gerstner: "It's a very positive thing."

Mrs. Wesslund: "Another question. One of the concerns by administrators is that not going with Option 1, which is a little cleaner approach, might be more time consuming, might be more unclear as to how they move forward. And I know we changed the language so that it is clear, but I want to ask that if we do this too, with this caveat, will there be anything extra expected of administrators during these two years except implementing the plan? They won't be bothered by *well, no, this won't work; we're going to try something different; or we need you to come to more meetings; or we need you to do this*—any grey area on these two years of implementation?"

Ms. Gerstner: "Actually, they will guide the work. And, in our pyramid that we've created, we have advisory groups. The ten members of EQOC are wonderful people, but not enough.

And we have to hear from the principals and the teachers who are in the buildings doing this work. And unless they come to the committee with a concern about a particular component or instrument, we will be just supporting the implementation that is going on as this pilots. Because, remember, next year it's ten percent of our schools—we're getting feedback, we're getting input so that the next year we can go to all of the schools. And I think that all of that work will be guided by the practitioners so that if they're good with this and it's working for the teachers and the principals in our buildings, then that's what we need to support."

Mrs. Wesslund: "And there is, you said, an advisory group?"

Ms. Gerstner: "Uh huh. We have advisory groups throughout so that as we are piloting certain pieces—they're the ones in the classrooms working with the students—and as we get more information from KDE, we need to make sure that it's working for our teachers and that it's impacting student achievement."

Mrs. Wesslund: "And that's already in place?"

Ms. Gerstner: "What's already in place?"

Mrs. Wesslund: "The advisory group."

Ms. Gerstner: "No, we have not selected members for the advisory groups yet. We still have to decide who our ten percent of the schools will be—and we'll actually have more than ten percent, which is a good thing. We want to make sure that we begin to educate all of our principals and all of our teachers about this system because we all need to be on the same page."

Mrs. Wesslund: "And would there be an advisory group if we did Option 1?"

Ms. Gerstner: "Absolutely. I think we'd have to have advisory groups no matter what."

Mrs. Haddad: "In the motion here that's going to the State, it will be evaluated? I mean, we will be looking at it as we go along to be sure? And the other thing I had brought up earlier, be sure that we look at all six areas—not just certain schools—that every achievement area has a certain number of schools starting out in the pilot so that we can get it across the board—different kinds of schools—and see. Because every school is different and programs are different."

Ms. Gerstner: "I think that's a great suggestion."

Mrs. Haddad: "So, we need to be sure that we include everybody—that they're all a part of it—not just some schools. We keep talking about PLA schools, but we have to be sure that all schools are up to par."



Dr. Raisor: “That will make it a fair test.”

Chair Porter: “Any additional comments? Is there a motion to move forward—Mrs. Duncan. Second—Mr. Jones. All those in favor—and what we are voting for is the Declaration of Intent that was read to us by Dr. Raisor—that each Board member has a copy before them. Everyone that’s in favor, please indicate. Motion passes unanimously. Thank you so much.”

**Order #2013-054 - Motion Passed:** The Jefferson County Board of Education authorizes Jefferson County Public Schools to fully implement all components of the Kentucky Professional Growth and Effectiveness System through the 2014–2015 school year. The Jefferson County Board of Education directs and authorizes the Superintendent to review and report regularly any field testing of alternate and comparable components for consideration and approval by the Kentucky Department of Education after those two years. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

**VI.B. Approval of Draft District Facilities Plan and Selection of Hearing Officer**

Dr. Hargens: Actually, this is a requirement of the Kentucky Department of Education, so I will turn it over to Dr. Raisor to talk about the process that was used.

Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, and Mr. Michael Mulheirn, director, Facilities and Environmental Services, came forward to provide information concerning the Draft District Facilities Plan and the selection of a hearing officer to take public comments. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Hargens: “So, Mr. Mulheirn and Dr. Raisor, to be clear—this is a list of possible projects. Nothing goes forward to be built unless it comes back to the Board of Education for approval. So, that’s an important distinction.”

Mrs. Wesslund requested that the capacity analysis and report listed on the planning calendar be placed on the agenda soon.

Mr. Jones requested additional information regarding what the Board is being asked to approve and why. He also asked what we are trying to achieve and how the Draft District Facilities Plan fits with the Strategic Plan.

Chair Porter voiced her concern about the various projects that were included or not included on the list and questioned the process and guidelines used to develop the list. “I think we’re not being clear as to what we need to do...but I am really, as Mr. Jones said, not clear—except we do this every four years—here’s a list, vote for it, then it comes back and we decide whether we’re going to do it or not. To me, that is not the right way to do business—and maybe this is the way we’ve always done it, but I have to express my concern because it is not clear what we are truly doing except meeting the guidelines of the state, and I’m uncomfortable with that.”

Dr. Raisor stated that there are two lists and provided additional information about the list of unmet needs and the list of projects to be done.

Dr. Hargens: “So, just to be clear, so this list gets approved—it’s a list of possibilities of a needs assessment—it happens every four years. Then the Facilities Committee meets to review what actual projects will be done. The Facilities Committee recommends something to the full Board and then that gets approved by the full Board.”

Dr. Raisor: “Correct. Absolutely.”

Dr. Hargens: “So to answer the question of where we are in the process—before anything would get built, before anything would happen, it would go from the Facilities Committee to the Board.”

Dr. Raisor: “Yes.”

**Order #2013-055 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached draft District Facilities Plan, as recommended by the Local Planning Committee and the Kentucky Department of Education, and select Michael Mulheirn, director of Facilities and Environmental Services, to serve as the Hearing Officer for the required public hearing. The recommendation passed 4–3 with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	No	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	No	Ms. Diane Porter	No
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Vice-Chair Haddad: “We have to send this to the State—by state law. And then we’ll come back later and talk about what we want to do. I served on this committee a lot of times. The state requires you to do this so they know what you’re doing with your facilities, what you need, and then give you an estimate. Then they look at it and say *is this what you need* then that’s it. But then when it comes back, that’s when the Board has input. But it has to be on that list before it can even be considered by the Board. We’ve had to come back in the past

and change some of it because it wasn't on the list...when, I think Dr. Berman wanted to do Valley, it had to come back to the Facilities Committee and all that and it got on there to approve, but it came to the Board to be approved. What we're doing tonight has to go to the State to be approved so that we can be in the money line to get money. And that's what this is all about. This is not saying any school is going to be built. This is not saying anything. It's just saying this is required by law and you have to do it so the State can give us money. If we don't turn it in, we won't get the money. I mean, this is just housekeeping..."

## **VII. Discussion Items**

### **VII.A. Update on Senate Bill 97**

Chair Porter noted that Mr. Schuler had addressed the Board about this issue earlier in the meeting. She noted that the process is that when there is a speaker, the speaker is referred to the Superintendent, and the Superintendent reports back to the Board. Chair Porter suggested that Dr. Hargens schedule a meeting with Mr. Schuler to provide an opportunity for further discussion. "...the precedent is that typically we do not question the speakers when they are before us, so I don't want to start a new precedent because then we would have to move forward with that."

Ms. Karen Branham, assistant superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, came forward to present an update on Senate Bill 97, which increases the compulsory dropout age to 18. She noted that the Kentucky School Boards Association has advised that they will address specific policy language for all Kentucky Boards of Education in their May update and is currently recommending that school boards wait to adopt policies until they are able to present further language.

Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Jones to Dr. Hargens: "If we delay this until May as KSBA has recommended, what firmer basis will we have for making the decision? ...I do understand that the issue is more complicated, but in terms of JCPS planning and getting ready for implementation, what are we going to learn about our at-risk kids, the effectiveness of our programs—I mean, can we get some commitment that we'll be smarter 60 days from now than we are right now. Otherwise, maybe we should just go ahead and move right now."

Dr. Hargens: "Well, and actually one of the options would be—I know one other school district is passing a resolution in April to resolve to move forward and create a policy—so they're doing a commitment, but they're not doing it until April. So that would be something that would give direction to staff about moving forward and then we would bring you back a policy. If the Board would want to consider a resolution."

Mr. Jones: "I would love to hear what the range of issues is and be more informed."

Mr. Brady: "I would actually like to take you up on that offer. I would like to go ahead and make a motion to have a vote to make a commitment to move forward with this in 60, 90 days, whenever it is—at the earliest convenience it presents itself. ...I would like to make the motion that we make that commitment tonight. I would like to make the motion that this Board will make the commitment to raising the dropout age at the earliest possible opportunity within—is there a particular date within the 90 days—do you know what that date is?"

Ms. Branham: "I think the language that we're waiting for from KSBA—they are speculating that suggested language for policy will be out in May."

Chair Porter: "So, if I understand correctly, we have to have a policy before we move this forward. So, is your motion that we move forward with the policy and then move to the next step? Are you saying to come back to the Board in April with policy and then vote to raise the dropout age to 18? Because, currently, we don't have a policy that's in place that raises the age to 18—that's not in place at the current time—right now."

Mr. Brady: "Okay. I would like to make the motion that we accept—I think we're on new ground here..."

Mr. Jones: "I think sort of what we're saying is that there is a strong sense with the Board that we want to change the dropout age."

Mr. Brady: "Right. And let's set that message right now."

Mr. Jones: "And we want to get the information that we need to adopt the policy. I don't know how to put that into good motion form."

Chair Porter: "So, what I think I'm hearing is that you're making a motion that staff move forward with gathering the materials necessary in form of a policy and any additional information that the Board needs to receive to bring that back to the April meeting for the Board to review that information and to look at the policy and at that time we will move forward either to raise the dropout age in April or at the next meeting in May. And I do understand, Dr. Branham, that you said KSBA may not have a guide for us to use until May, so we will have to work to develop our own guide perhaps—but to bring something back in April."

Mrs. Haddad: "Before we get all caught up in this, can we ask Stephanie [Malone]? They're the policy writers. I know we're going to have a Policy Committee meeting, but let's just not get caught up..."

Assistant General Counsel Stephanie Malone: “I do recommend that before we talk about adopting a policy we at least wait until the law becomes effective, which is 90 days after the close of this legislative session. So, I think we should at least wait until after that time...”

Mr. Brady: “July 1. That’s our deadline.”

Chair Porter: “So what you said, Ms. Malone, is that we wait 90 days after [sic] the law is effective before we bring a policy to the Board to be voted...”

Ms. Malone: “Until the law becomes effective, which is 90 days after the close of the legislative session.”

Chair Porter: “Okay.”

Vice-Chair Haddad: “Maybe in April they could bring us back some information—I mean, not on the policy, but I think David [Jones] said he had a lot of questions he didn’t have answered. I don’t know what they are.”

Chair Porter: “How about if we have a motion to receive the information that we’ve received tonight with the understanding that we cannot do anything until 90 days after the law goes into effect [sic]. So, what I think that we need to do now tonight is to vote to receive the update on Senate Bill 97 with the understanding that as quickly as possible and legally, that we will move forward to change the dropout rate, but tonight, for the purpose of what we have just heard and discussed, that we should vote to receive the update on Senate Bill 97. Is there a motion for that?”

**Order #2013-056 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive an Update on Senate Bill 97, moving the compulsory dropout age to 18. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VII.B. 2012–13 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar**

Dr. Hargens provided a brief overview of the 2012–13 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar.

Mrs. Duncan asked when the Board would consider the 2013–14 school calendar. Dr. Hargens stated that the Board had already approved the calendar for the 2013–14 school year, but not for 2014–15.

Mr. Jones asked Dr. Hargens if the discussion agenda planning calendar is open to the public—a public document. “Is it open to the public? Is that a public document? Is it available on the Board portal or some other way for the public to get at it?”

Kathy Smith: “No, it is not.”

Mr. Jones: “So, it is not a public document. Okay, so one—I guess my general request is that we work on making the document both a little bit easier to read, which you already described in your opening, but also available to the public so people can understand sort of the order in which we’re taking up things and just have a little bit more transparency to the Board’s business. Because there are some big items coming up that we don’t talk about every meeting. So, I think it would be great to use this as a better communication document.”

Mrs. Duncan: “We’ve not had kind of a summary of—or we don’t have it down I don’t think—of our legislative session this year. Usually we have somebody come back and kind of update us on some new things that we’re going to be looking at for next year.”

Mrs. Haddad: “I don’t see Early Childhood on here—preschool and early childhood.”

Mr. Haddaway: “We had an update on the district facility plan, but I think we really need to revisit the capacity of the schools and find out where we stand on those.”

**Order #2013-057 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items to occur during the 2012–13 fiscal year with the additions noted. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## VIII. Board Reports and Requests

- Mrs. Duncan requested a work session with principals to discuss the progress of the various groups they are serving in their buildings.
- Mrs. Duncan reported that she visited Olmsted Academy North for College and Career Day, attended a meeting of SCAAC [School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability

Council], and the KSBA Board of Directors retreat. Mrs. Duncan distributed a report of items discussed at the SCAAC and KSBA meetings.

- Mr. Brady expressed his thanks to *nth/works* for giving five students from Jeffersontown High School the opportunity to participate in an apprenticeship program and to GLI for inviting Board members to their 2013 Annual Meeting.
- Mrs. Wesslund reported that she visited Westport Middle School today for Conference Day where students met with administrative staff members to discuss their individual growth plan. She noted that Westport is losing their educational recovery leader (ERL) and some other resources this year and requested information on the resources that Priority Schools will receive and have access to next year. “I would really us to focus on that. Let’s look at where they are, what they’re getting, what they need—because they need a consistent focus and a consistent effort by us to support them.”
- Chair Porter noted that she attended the 2013 Vogt Achievement Scholars annual awards luncheon today and thanked Henry Heuser for providing \$10,000 in college scholarships annually to outstanding JCPS seniors. She reported that she attended a School to Prison Pipeline—Change Policies and Outcomes forum at the Muhammad Ali Center. She congratulated the parents who graduated from the Louisville Urban League’s Parent Leadership Academy.
- Chair Porter noted that she has heard the words *innovation* and *passion* used a lot during the past few weeks as it pertains to education. “As we talk about what we need to make us better achievement-wise, I think it’s important for us to look at innovation. It’s important for us to look at how we put our children in school. It’s important for us to look at Saturday School. It’s important for us to look at time in school...In order for us to get better results, we have to do some of our work differently, so I’m asking Dr. Hargens for the staff to come to us in June with some innovative ideas that we can do sooner instead of later to improve the achievement and how we present education to our students...I think we need to focus on all children in the district and what we can do to be successful.”
- Mrs. Wesslund: “Just a follow-up on what you’re saying, I would hope that when we get those ideas, that we talk to our Priority [School] principals and just tell them to brainstorm. If they could set up a school that would work for their kids, what would that be? Just put a list of ideas—I mean the community’s great and all of that, but they really know, and you don’t have to go very far. You’ve got a handful of people that really know—if you just give them the freedom to say what they really think.”
- Chair Porter: “And I think we should also include some of our schools where good things are happening. We always talk about our Priority Schools, but let’s look at some of the successes that happen every day and how that happens and could that move someplace to another level at another time. So, just a broad approach to look at what we can do differently because as long as we continue to do what we do the same way we’ve done it, we’ll continue to get the same results.”

## **IX. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Chris Harmer addressed the Board concerning military recruiter opt-out forms.

**X. Executive Session**

**XI. Adjournment**

Chair Porter noted that spring break is April 1 through 5 and the Board will only meet once during April—on April 22.

**Order #2013-058 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the March 25, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

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Diane Porter, Board Chairman

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Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent/Secretary

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